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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EFIS, PFOR, PLOS, CO
SUBJECT: THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF TUNA IN THE
EASTERN PACIFIC

REF: A) STATE 292193 B) BOGOTA 11831

1. COMATT PRESENTED ON DEC 21 SHORT, "INFORMAL MEMORANDUM"
OUTLINING MAJOR US OBJECTIVES IN TUNA NEGOTIATIONS TO
DR. CARRIZOSA AND DR. ORLANDO MORS, CHIEF OF INDERENA FISHERIES
DIVISION.

2. CARRIZOSA AND MORA STATED THAT INDERENA REPORT RECOMMENDING
GOC POSITION ON TUNA NOT YET FINISHED AND WILL HAVE TO BE
CLEARED WITH MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FOR SUBSTANCE AND
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON PROCEDURAL MATTERS. BOTH
PROMISED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT US VIEWS BUT STATED THAT
THEY COULD NOT DIVULGE INDERENA'S POSITION UNTIL FULLY
CLEARED IN GOC. THROUGHOUT CONVERSATION, BOTH OFFICIALS
STRESSED FACT THAT GOC HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN ACTIVE IN
TUNA TREATY NEGOTIATIONS AND IT NOT WELL INFORMED.
THEY EMPHASIZED THAT GOC REPRESENTATION AT SAN JOSE
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MEETING WAS ONLY AT OBSERVER LEVEL, THROUGH RESIDENT
AMBASSADOR WHO WAS UNVERSED IN SUBSTANCE OF MEETING.
GOC HAS NOT CONTACTED MEXICAN AND COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENTS
ABOUT THEIR PROPOSAL, AND IN FACT, BOTH OFFICIALS STATED
THEY WERE UNSURE ABOUT EXACT DETAILS OF PROPOSAL. REACTION
TO SUGGESTION THEY MAKE APPROACH TO TWO GOVERNMENTS WAS THAT
FULLER STUDY OF PROPOSALS WOULD BE NECESSARY BEFORE ANY

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APPROACH. GOC APPARENTLY HAS NOT YET CONSIDERED TIMING
OF NEXT CONFERENCE BUT IT CLEAR THEY PLAN TO ATTEND.
3. CARRIZOSA POINTED OUT THAT GOC BECOMING INCREASINGLY
INTERESTED IN TUNA QUESTION. AT PRESENT, COLOMBIA ONLY
HAS FIVE TUNA BOATS AND CATCH IS SMALL. HOWEVER, GOC HAS
LARGE INVESTMENT PROGRAM FOR TUNA BOATS AND SIGNIFICANT
NUMBERS OF TUNA ARE CONCENTRATED IN COLOMBIAN WATERS DURING
MIGRATIONS.

4. DURING DISCUSSION OF CONCENTRATION OF TUNA IN COLOMBIAN
WATERS, IT BECAME CLEAR OFFICIALS BELIEVE GOC INTERESTS
WOULD BE BETTER SERVED BY PROPOSED MEXICAN SYSTEM OF QUOTA
ALLOCATION RATHER THAN BASING QUOTA ON HISTORIAL TRENDS.

5. EMBASSY WILL KEEP IN TOUCH WITH GOC AND REPORT DEVELOP-
MENTS.
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